

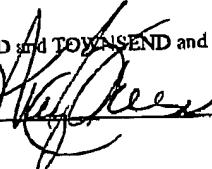
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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of:

HOWARD M. GREY, *et al.*

Application No.: 09/017,735

Filed: February 3, 1998

For: HLA-A2.1 BINDING PEPTIDES
AND THEIR USES

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Art Unit: 1644

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

This amendment is filed as a preliminary amendment and in response to the Office Action dated May 10, 1999 requesting a species election. This Amendment is submitted prior to the examination of the application on the merits and replaces the previously submitted claims. Please amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Please delete the paragraph on p. 1 lines 2-7 and insert therefor the following heading and paragraph:

--CROSS-REFERENCE TO RELATED APPLICATIONS

The present application is a continuation-in-part of U.S. Serial No. 08/205,713, filed 3/4/94. This application is related to U.S. Serial No. 08/589,108, filed 1/23/96, U.S.

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